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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Cancelled)**
2. **(New)** A personal watercraft, comprising:
  - a hull;
  - a deck disposed on the hull;
  - an engine compartment defined between the hull and the deck;
  - a four stroke internal combustion engine disposed in the engine compartment,
  - the engine comprising:
    - a crankcase having a top, a bottom, two sides, two ends and a crankshaft rotatably mounted therein between the two ends;
    - a cylinder head connected to the top of the crankcase,
    - the crankcase and the cylinder head forming at least one combustion cylinder chamber therebetween;
    - at least one intake valve for the at least one combustion cylinder chamber;
    - at least one exhaust valve for the at least one combustion chamber;
    - a valve actuation assembly located in the cylinder head for actuating the at least one intake valve and the at least one exhaust valve;
    - at least one air intake passageway connected to the at least one combustion cylinder;
    - a propulsion unit operatively coupled to an end of the crankshaft;
    - at least one air intake manifold operatively connected to the at least one air intake passageway;
    - an air/water separating device in fluid communication with the air intake manifold for separating water out from the induction air; and
    - a supercharger for boosting air to the air intake manifold arranged in fluid communication between the air/water separating device and the intake manifold.
3. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, further comprising:
  - a bow; and
  - a transom; and

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wherein the supercharger is disposed rearwardly of the water separating device towards the transom of the personal watercraft.

4. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 2, wherein the supercharger is a mechanically driven supercharger.
5. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, further comprising a straddle-type seat on the deck, and wherein the engine is disposed below the seat.
6. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, wherein the water separating device has a body defining a volume, an inlet and an outlet.
7. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 4, wherein the body of the water separating device is separated in at least two chambers.
8. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, wherein the crankshaft is horizontally disposed.
9. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, wherein the propulsion unit is a jet propulsion unit disposed rearwardly of the engine.
10. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, further comprising an air box in fluid communication with the air intake manifold, and wherein the air/water separating device is disposed within the air box.
11. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, wherein the supercharger is a mechanically driven supercharger.
12. **(New)** The personal watercraft of claim 1, further comprising handlebars mounted on the desk for steering the personal watercraft.

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